

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An interconnect 1, comprising:
at least one male element (10)-having one or more contact members (11); and
at least one female element (20)-having one or more contact areas (23), wherein
said at least one female element (20)-is fashioned from a flexible fiber construction.
2. (Currently Amended) The interconnect (1)-of claim 1, wherein said one or more
contact members (11)-pivotally cooperate with at least one hub member (12).
3. (Currently Amended) The interconnect (1)-of claim 2, wherein said one or more
contact members (11)-can cooperate with said one or more contact areas (23)-of said at
least one female element (20).
4. (Currently Amended) The interconnect (1)-of claim 2, wherein said at least one
hub member (12)-has a controller (16)-for cooperating with said one or more contact
members (11).
5. (Currently Amended) The interconnect (1)-of claim 4, wherein said controller
(16)-controls the pivotal positioning of said one or more contact members (11).
6. (Currently Amended) The interconnect (1)-of claim 1, wherein said fiber
construction of said at least one female element (20)-forms a socket (21)-with said one or
more contact areas (23)-being situated therein.
7. (Currently Amended) The interconnect (1)-of claim 6, wherein said one or more
contact members (11)-are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with said socket
and/or said one or more contact areas (23).
8. (Currently Amended) A garment or upholstery (60)-having the interconnect (1)-of

claim 6.

9. (Currently Amended) The interconnect (1) of claim 6, wherein said socket (21) of said at least one female element (20) and said one or more contact members (11) of said at least one male element (10) are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with any of a variety of electronic devices/systems (50).

10. (Currently Amended) A connecting assembly-1, comprising:
at least one male element (10)-having at least two contact members (11); and
at least one female element (20)-having at least two contact areas (23), wherein
said at least one female element (20)-is fashioned from a flexible fiber construction.

11. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1) of claim 10, further comprising at least one hub member (12).

12. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1) of claim 11, wherein said at least two contact members (11)-pivotally cooperate with said at least one hub member (12).

13. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1) of claim 12, wherein said at least two contact members (11)-can interact with said at least two contact areas (23)-of said at least one female element (20).

14. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1) of claim 12, wherein said at least one hub member (12)-has a controller (16)-for cooperating with said at least two contact members (11).

15. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1) of claim 14, wherein said controller (16)-influences the pivotal positioning of said at least two contact members (11).

16. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1) of claim 10, wherein the flexible fiber construction of said at least one female element (20) has at least one socket (21) with said at least two contact areas (23) being on and/or integral with a surface (24) of said at least one socket (21).

17. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1) of claim 16, wherein said at least two contact members (11) are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with said at least one socket (21), said at least two contact areas (23), and/or one or more electronic devices/systems (50).

18. (Currently Amended) A garment or upholstery (60) having the connecting assembly (1) of claim 16.

19. (Currently Amended) A connecting assembly (1), comprising:
at least one male element (10) having one or more conductive contact members (11) with at least one accessory (17); and
at least one female element (20) being of a flexible fiber construction and having one or more conductive contact areas (23), wherein said one or more contact members (11) are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with said one or more contact areas (23) and/or one or more electronic devices/systems and wherein said one or more contact areas are on an inner surface of periphery of the at least one female element.

20. (Currently Amended) The connecting assembly (1) of claim 19, wherein said accessory (17) facilitates said one or more conductive contact members (11) being adjusted between at least one first state (14, 18) and at least one second state (15, 19).